



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1762

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Mitsunori SAKAMA)
Serial No.: 09/070,908)
Filed: May 4, 1998)
For: FILM FORMING METHOD AND)
FILM FORMING APPARATUS)

Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: M. L. Padgett

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, line 10, before "decompression" insert --vacuum or--.

Page 17, line 12, before "decompressed" insert --vacuum or--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 23-30 and 48-50 as follows:

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